

Facts About Montana Education 2016

School Size and Enrollment

2015-16

School Size	# of Schools	Percent of Schools	Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment
500 or greater	51	6%	44,510	31%
250 to 499	167	20%	60,500	42%
100 to 249	156	19%	24,910	17%
50 to 99	112	14%	7,977	5%
<50	335	40%	7,419	5%
821	100%		145,316	100%

Poverty Indicators

Poverty Indicators	MT	National	Rank
Age 5-17 in Families in Poverty*	19.30%	20.80%	25th
Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch**	41.40%	51.15%	14th

*US Census Bureau 2013

** Common Core of Data, 2013-14 School Year

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

2015-16

K-12 districts	58
Combined elementary (joint board)	98
Combined high school (joint board)	98
Single districts (146 el, 4 hs)	150
State-funded districts	2
Nonoperating districts	4
Total School Districts	410

School Data

2015-16

Elementary Schools	436
Middle, 7&8	214
High Schools	171
Total Schools	821

Nonpublic School Enrollment (Self-Reported)

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	% of Total Enrollment
Private	8,132	8,119	8,448	5.2%
Home school	4,694	4,954	5,003	3.1%
Total	12,826	13,073	13,451	8.3%

About the Big Sky State

- Population: 1,032,949 (2015 Estimate)
- Size: 147,046 square miles (fourth largest state)
- Population density: 7.0 per square mile
- State racial makeup: White 89.4%, American Indian 6.3%, Hispanic 2.9%, Asian 0.8%, Black 0.4%, Pacific Islander 0.1% and other 0.1% (2010 Census)
- Seven Indian Reservations and 12 Tribal Nations, including one landless tribe, the Little Shell Chippewa
- School racial makeup: White 79.2%, American Indian 11.4%, Hispanic 4.5%, Asian 0.8%, Black 0.9%, Pacific Islander 0.2% and more than one race 3.1%
- 570 miles long, 315 miles wide
- Elevation range: 1,820 to 12,799 feet above sea level
- Borders three Canadian provinces and four states
- Headwaters for two major rivers – Missouri and Columbia
- Primary industries: agriculture, services, government (including education) and retail trade

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- www.mt.gov
- Travel Montana 1-800-847-4868
- <http://ceic.mt.gov>
- The Census & Economic Information Center (406) 841-2740

For more school data:

- <http://opi.mt.gov/Reports-Data/Measurement/Index.html>
- <http://GEMS.opi.mt.gov>

It is an honor and a privilege to be Montana's Superintendent of Public Instruction and to serve as an advocate for our state's education system. The Office of Public Instruction is here to assist Montana's schools and the education community to guarantee that all Montana's students receive a quality education. I know there is no more important aspect of a quality education than a good teacher in the classroom. A good education brings better jobs, more opportunities, and builds stronger communities. An informed public makes informed decisions and good data supports good decisions. That is why I am pleased to share with you facts about Montana education. Learn more about K-12 education in Montana at our website – www.opi.mt.gov.

Denise Juneau

Denise Juneau, State Superintendent

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Montana Public School Enrollment

	2014-15	2015-16	% Change 2015 to 2016
Elementary			
Prekindergarten	1,229	1,155	
Kindergarten	11,682	11,502	
Grades 1-6	68,044	68,883	
Grades 7-8	21,743	21,933	
Total Elementary	102,698	103,473	0.8%

High School

Grades 9-12	41,749	41,764	
Total High School	41,749	41,764	0.0%

State-Funded Schools*

Elementary (Pre K-8)	18	21	
High School (9-12)	67	58	
Total State-Funded Schools	85	79	-7.1%

Total Public School

Enrollment	144,532	145,316	0.5%
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* The state-funded schools are Pine Hills School, Riverside School, and the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

Montana (PK-12) showed an increase in enrollment in 2015 - 16 of 0.5%. Elementary grades (PK-8) showed an increase in enrollment of 0.8%. High school enrollment increased by 15 students after a one year decrease.



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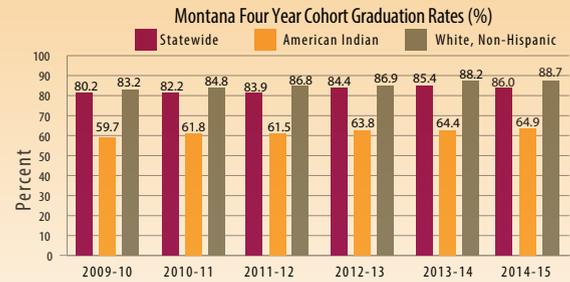
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High School Graduates 2015
 High School Graduates 9,346
 HiSET recipients (ages 16 to 19) 992

Public and State-Funded Only

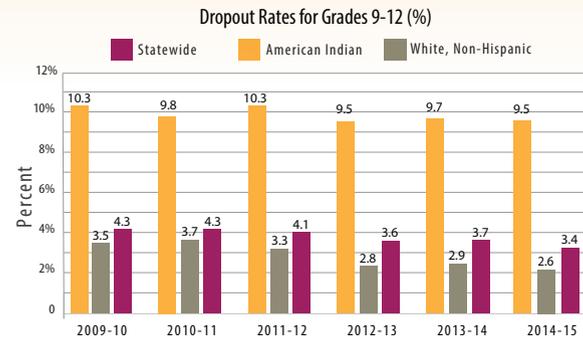
Montana Four Year Cohort Graduation Rates

Overall high school graduation rates have improved over the past five years. The gap between American Indian students and all students combined is 21 percentage points. The gap between white students and American Indian students is 24 percentage points.



Dropout Rates for Grades 9-12, 2009-10 to 2014-15

Dropout rates improved for most subgroups in 2014-15.



Graduation Matters Montana
 gmm.mt.gov

MT's graduation rate increases to 86%!

\$6 million annual boost to economy

Graduates' lifetime earnings increase \$90 million

*Analysis by Alliance for Excellent Education

Category	2015 -16
Licensed K-12 Staff and Paraprofessionals	
Teachers- Classroom, Title I, Special Ed.	10,334
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents	156
Principals and Assistant Principals	520
Other Administrative Staff	112
Education Specialists (Library, Guidance Counselors)	933
Licensed Professional (Noneducator)	410
Paraprofessionals	2,621
Total Licensed and Paraprofessional Staff	15,086

Student/Teacher Ratio

	2011-12	2012 -13	2013 -14
Montana average	14	14	14
National average	16	16	16

Data from Common Core of Data, U.S. Department of Education

College Readiness Tests

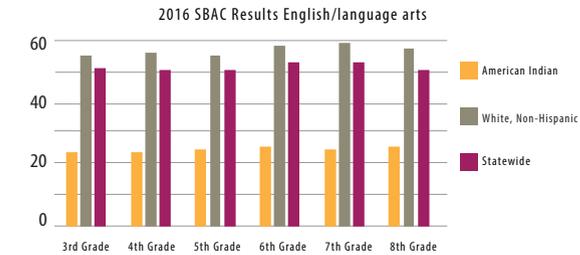
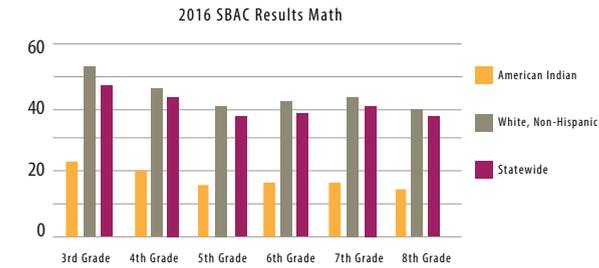
Test Scores	2013		2014		2015	
	MT	Natl	MT	Natl	MT	Natl
ACT**	21.3	20.9	20.5	21	20.4	21
SAT*						
VERBAL(Critical Reading)	538	491	555	497	557	489
MATH	541	503	552	513	557	498
WRITING	513	480	530	487	534	475

** American College Testing Program-- High Score 36. In 2015, 100 % of Montana graduating seniors took the ACT. Nationally, 59 percent of graduating seniors took the ACT.

* Scholastic Aptitude Test-- High Score 800. In 2014, 17 percent of Montana graduating seniors took the SAT. Nationally, 43 percent of graduating seniors took the SAT.

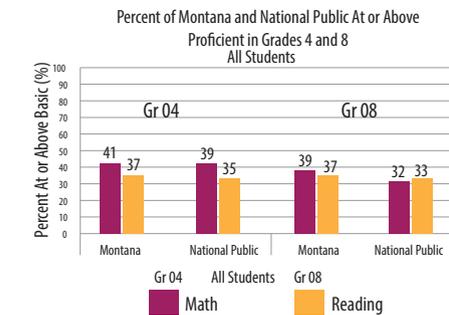
2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Results Math and English/Language Arts.

In Spring 2016, Montana students took the SBAC test in the 3rd through 8th grade, measuring progress toward state standards in math and English/language arts.



2015 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

This chart shows the percent of the "All Students" category in Montana and the National Public who scored at or above proficient. A proficient achievement level in NAEP represents solid academic performance for each grade assessed. Students reaching this level have demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter, including subject-matter knowledge, application of such knowledge to real-world situations, and analytical skills appropriate to the subject matter.

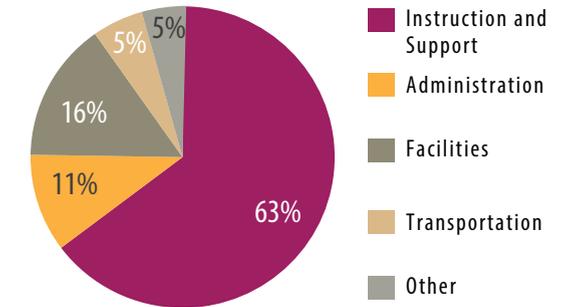


Data obtained from the NAEP Data Explorer (NDE):<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata>

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Montana Public School Districts

Montana Public School Districts Statewide Expenditures 2014-2015



Montana Public School Districts Statewide Revenues with 2014-2015

